

First Nominating Letters Arrive for City's 'Woman of the Year' Selection

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Bullets Rock Blazing House as Torrance Pair Battle Bloody Duel with Hammers

Hospital Dedication Set Saturday

First Patients Due at Facility January 1

The gleaming new \$3,500,000 Little Company of Mary Hospital at 4101 Torrance Blvd. will be dedicated next Saturday at 2 p.m.

James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, archbishop of Los Angeles, will officiate. First patients are expected to be admitted Jan. 1, it was announced by Mother M. Patricia and Mother Lucy, Little Company of Mary sisters.

This newest and most modern hospital in Los Angeles County is situated on a slightly elevated 10-acre site. The grounds are completely landscaped, with an automatically timed sprinkler system.

The building is a five-story concrete structure, with a capacity for 150 beds. It is engineered to allow future expansion to three more stories. This will double the present capacity and help meet the requirements of the expected growth in the area.

The hospital building is designed with a center-core plan with the four wings extending outward perpendicular to one another.

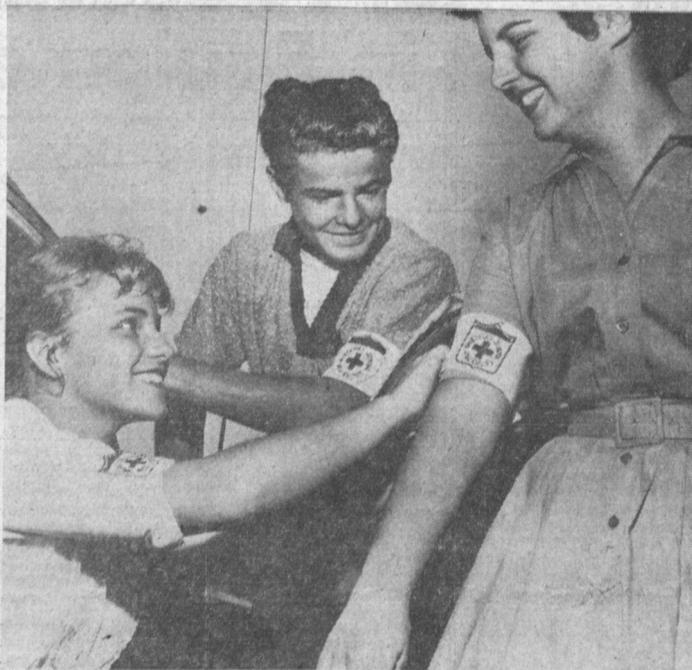
The hospital will be operated by the Little Company of Mary, an order of nursing sisters founded in Nottingham, England, by Mother Mary Pottor in 1877. A few years later the motherhouse was established in Rome and the sisters spread to other countries.

They have 43 hospitals throughout the world—including five in the United States. Torrance facility is the first established by the sisters west of Chicago. Mother M. Genevieve is provincial for the hospitals in the United States.

There will be a medical staff of about 175 doctors.

President of the staff is John A. Wilson, M.D., Manhattan Beach. Other staff officers and department heads are Drs. Fred F. Herman, Torrance, vice president; Howard E. Fischel, Redondo Beach, secretary-treasurer; Matthew P. Romeo, Manhattan Beach, chairman, department of medicine; Louis T. Moore, San Pedro, chairman, department of surgery; Fred B. Rothell, Redondo Beach, chairman, department of pediatrics; Elmer M. Broen.

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BADGE OF MERIT—Elaine Gagnon pins armband on for Carolyn Lunden in preparation for bloodmobile visit Thursday. Neil Ruecker makes sure it's on straight. All are from North High.

Junior Red Cross Workers Veterans at Bloodmobile

When the Red Cross bloodmobile arrives at the American Legion hall, 1109 Border Ave., next Thursday, it will be staffed by veterans — from high school.

The bloodmobile will operate from 2:30 to 7 p.m. with the help of four members of the Junior Red Cross from North High.

The group comprises Elaine Gagnon, a senior, who has been working on the blood program since eighth grade; Carolyn Lunden, a senior, who will be putting in her second stint; Neil Ruecker, a freshman, who has worked two years in Red Cross blood-gathering programs; and Mike Griffin, a freshman, another experienced worker who will serve at the door on admissions.

The girls will direct blood donors to beds so they may give their offering in comfort. They also will serve in the canteen.

Small Craft Harbors Unit Meets Next Week

The next regular meeting of the Small Craft Harbors Commission will be held Monday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hacienda Hotel, 301 S. Western San Pedro.

Principal matter for discussion will be the need for reallocation of loan funds.

Torrance Stores Will Open Today

Several downtown stores today will start remaining open on Sundays till Christmas.

They are Karl's Shoes, Newberry's, Lawson's Jewelry, Western Auto, Strum's Department store, Anita Shops, Toy Circus, Book and Party Shop, and National Gift.

Other merchants will join seven-day-a-week opening this week.

Burger Feed Set Saturday

A hamburger feed for youngsters in the vicinity of El Retiro Park has been planned for next Saturday, according to Sharon Stewart, recreation leader.

Lunch will be served at 12:30. Games will follow. Hamburgers will cost 15 cents each, and punch will be sold for five cents a glass.

Night-Long Fracas Still Being Probed

A battle royal between a Torrance man and his wife early yesterday apparently culminated in a hammer duel and a blood-splattered, blazing house with exploding bullets to add to the confusion.

As nearly as police and neighbors could reconstruct the events, the furor raged from late Friday night.

Police and fire departments were called after Everett A. Altizer, 51, made his way to a neighbor's house, leaving a trail of blood. His wrist was badly cut and his jaw wounded. He said he first had been set upon while brushing his teeth.

Police found two bloody hammers at the house, 3431 Newton St.

Jeannette Altizer, 61, apparently set four fires as a conclusion to the fracas and strewed each blaze with .38-special bullets.

Neighbors thought a gunfight was in progress in addition to the blaze.

Fire Capt. John Agapito found Mrs. Altizer in a hall closet and carried her out. She and her husband were taken to Harbor Hospital. Altizer was released after treatment, and his wife was to be taken to General Hospital yesterday.

In the house police and firemen discovered mason jars fitted to electrical outlets, black paper taped over light fixtures, and door hinges and refrigerator handle covered with black tape.

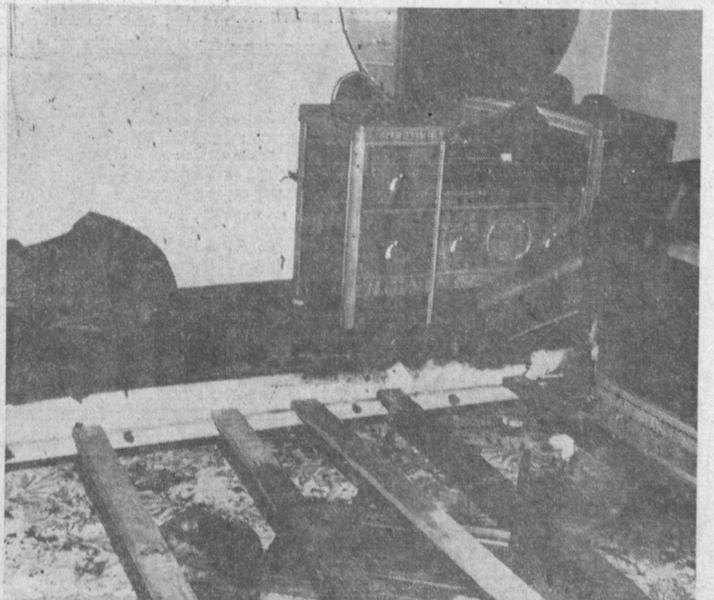
One fire had been started in each of two bedrooms and two in the living room, one of the latter at the front door. A jug of kerosene was found in the living room.

Faucet handles were found stored in a box in the kitchen. Virtually every room was laced with blood. A bullet casing lodged itself in the living-room ceiling.

Mrs. Altizer suffered a jaw and head wound, apparently from hammer blows.

Neighbors said they heard pounding throughout the night. The uproar was investigated by Detectives Sam Piazza and Lonnie Brown.

Fire Companies 1 and 2 responded to the alarm.



RUBBLE—Photo shows remains of bedroom and wife at 3431 Newton. Police yesterday were trying to put pieces of puzzle together.



BULLETS FLY—Slugs for .38 special were strewn into blazes at house of Newton St. One casing lodged into ceiling.

E. J. Robinson Funeral Rites Conducted Here

Funeral rites were conducted Wednesday for Ernest James Robinson, 50, who died at his home, 24735 Windlock Dr.

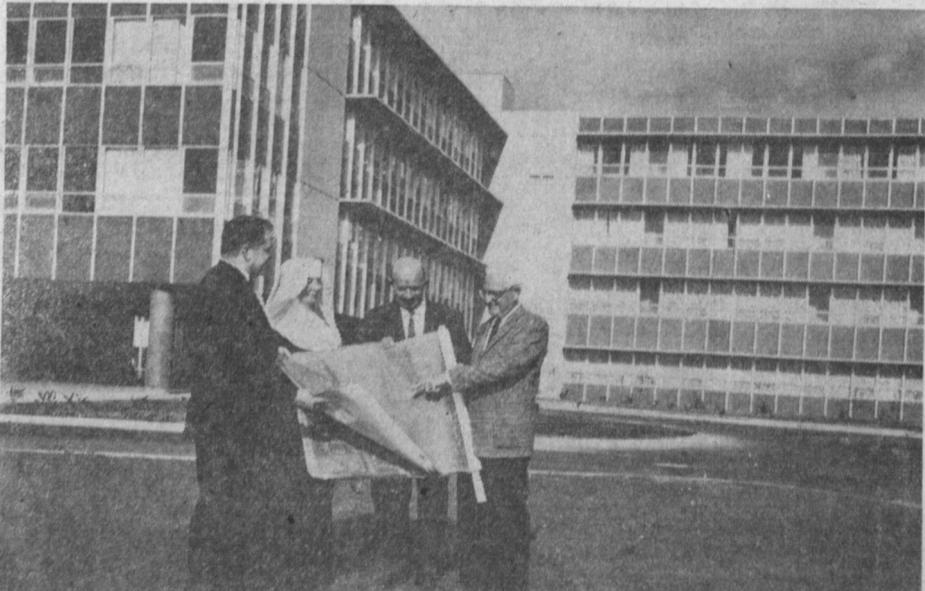
He had lived in Torrance 16 years and for 12 years was sales manager for Consolidated Lumber Co., Wilmington. He had been a member of the New London (Conn.) Masonic lodge, WALTERIA Businessmen's Association, and Exchange Club.

He leaves his wife, Lois; a son, David; three daughters, Nancy, Judith, and Phyllis Youmans of Los Gatos; three grandchildren; and his parents, the Philip Robinsons of Connecticut.

Burial will be in New London.

County Names Sealer of Weights, Measures

The county Board of Supervisors named Frank M. Raymond, 68, sealer of weights and measures. He succeeds Charles M. Fuller, who retired after 45 years.



PREPARATION—George Schneider, Bob Plomert Jr. and Sam Levy, members of Little Company of Mary Hospital advisory board, prepare for dedication ceremonies next Saturday with Mother M. Patricia. The event will be public.



HOSPITAL KITCHEN—Cuisine at Little Company of Mary Hospital is dominated by stainless steel. Mother M. Patricia, administrator, and Sister Thaddeus are shown in spotless facility. In foreground is home-size diet range for special use.